

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 461-4.5 and chapter 91, notice is hereby given that the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in the King Kalakaua Conference Room, First Floor, King Kalakaua Building, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, 335 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, to hear all persons interested in the proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") chapter 16-95 pertaining to pharmacists and pharmacy.

The purposes of the proposed amendments are to implement a new subchapter, Subchapter 16, entitled "Emergency Contraception Written Collaborative Agreement. This new section provides for a collaborative agreement between a pharmacist and a physician to allow a pharmacist to initiate emergency contraception oral drug therapy. The new subchapter will contain the specifics of the collaborative agreement between a pharmacist and a physician that would allow a pharmacist, who has received the appropriate training, to dispense emergency contraception to women who meet certain criteria. This is considered an expansion of the scope of practice for pharmacists. By allowing those pharmacists who qualify, emergency contraception drug therapy will be more accessible to those women who need it.

All interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, at the time of hearing. All persons wishing to submit written testimony are requested to submit 10 copies of their written testimony by Friday, September 17, 2004, to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address printed below.

A copy of the proposed rules will be mailed to any person who requests a copy upon receipt of \$15.27 for the copy and postage. Please submit your request to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address noted below or contact the Board's office at (808) 586-2694.

Copies may be picked up at the following address between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays: Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, 335 Merchant Street, Room 329, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. The cost of a copy, \$13.75, is due and payable at the time of pick up.

Further, the proposed rules may be reviewed in person free of charge at the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address and hours of operation printed above. In addition, the full text of the proposed rules is available and can be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs: <http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca>.

Individuals who require special needs accommodations are invited to call Lee Ann Teshima at (808) 586-2694 at least four (4) working days prior to the hearing.

Valerie Matsunaga, Chair
Board of Pharmacy
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